

Except for *S. minutula*, the diploid sexual species of Japanese *Sphenomeris*, *S. biflora*, *S. chinensis* and *S. gracilis*, were recorded in Iriomote-jima Island and two of the latter were in Urauchi River area (Lin et al., 1990). The discovery of *S. minutula* in Urauchi River, Iriomote-jima Island, may offer valuable information to a systematic study of diploid species of Japanese *Sphenomeris* plants, and the origin of the reophyte. However, it is still pending to make a detailed investigation regarding distribution, populations, individuals of *S. minutula* in Urauchi River and making the conservation measure.

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奄美大島固有種のコビトホラシノブ *Sphenomeris minutula* は十数年前から生息地の住用川から姿が消え、レッドデータブック（植物I）にIA (CR) 類の絶滅危惧種として記録されている。著者は2006年3月に沖縄県西表島の浦内川でコビトホラシノブの集団を発見し、細胞学的観察によって $n = ca. 49II$ の有性生殖二倍体であることを確認した。

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Devendra M. BAJRACHARYA^a and Krishna K. SHRESTHA^b: *Eria clausa* King & Pantl. (*Orchidaceae*), a New Record from Nepal ネパール新産の *Eria clausa* King & Pantl. (ラン科) (D. M. バジラチャリア^a, K. K. シュレスタ^b)

The genus *Eria* Lindl. is one of the larger polymorphic genera of the family Orchidaceae. It has about 370 species in the world (Pearce and Cribb 2002).

During a revision of the genus *Eria* in the Himalayan region a species of *Eria* was found to be overlooked among the orchid species of Nepal. A specimen of *Eria clausa* King & Pantl. is deposited in Natural History Museum (BM) London (N. Wallich 7 from Napalia in 1821) it was identified by Tuyama in 1977. Occurrence of *Eria clausa* in Nepal has not been mentioned (Hara et al. 1978, Banerji and Pradhan 1984, Press et al. 2000). Paudyal and Amatya collected a

specimen of *E. clausa* from Central Nepal in 1981 from Pharping/Sunderjal, Kathmandu Valley and reported here as new to Nepal. Gupta (1984) and Poudyal and Shakya (1984) covered a list of Kathmandu Valley including *E. clausa*: but description, illustration and citation of specimen of *E. clausa* was not made. Recently this species has been collected from Lumle, Pokhara valley. These specimens were also verified with the type specimens of *E. clausa* King & Pantl. (holotype CAL; isotype K). Therefore, we have described detailed description, illustration, citation of specimen and other relevant notes provided here, based on both speci-

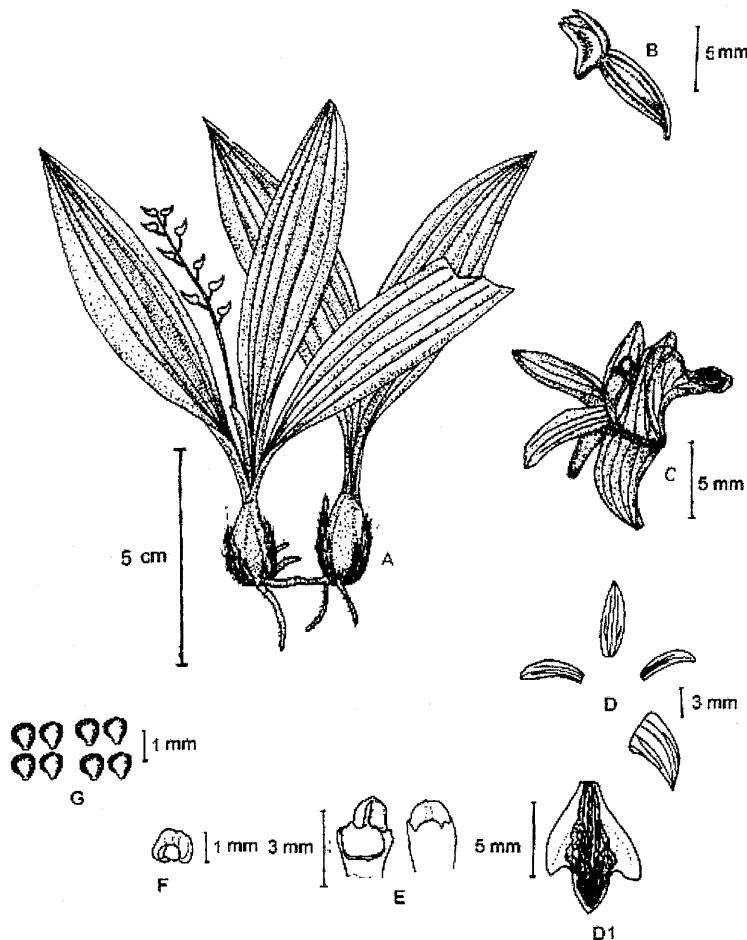


Fig. 1. *Eria clausa* King & Pantl. (Pantling 559, holotype, K) A: Habit. B: Single flower. C: Lateral view of flower. D: Sepals and petals. D1: Labellum. E: Column. F: Operculum. G: Pollinia.

mens (Wallich 7 from Napalia; and D. M. Bajracharya & A. Subedi 232 from Pokhara).

***Eria clausa* King & Pantl.** in J. Asia. Soc. Beng. **65:** 121 (1896); in Ann. Bot. Gard. Calc. **8:** 121, pl. 167 (1898) – Kränzlin in Engler, Pflanzenreicn Hfl. **50:** 20 (1911) – Seidenfaden in Opera Bot. **114:** 169 (1992) – Hajra & Burma, Fl. Sikkim **2:** 67 (1996) – Chowdhery, Orch. Fl. Arunachal Prad.: 357 (1998) – Pearce & Cribb, Fl. Bhutan **3** (3): 371 (2002).

Type: SIKKIM, Sittong point, 2000 m, Feb. 1891, R. Pantling 559 (holotype–CAL !; isotype–K !).

Eria corneri Rchb. f. var. *clausa* (King & Pantl.) A. N. Rao in J. Econ. Taxon. Bot. **20** (3): 708 (1996).

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Epiphytic herbs, 4–15 cm high. Rhizome ca. 2.5×0.5 cm, thick, jointed, smooth with few short membranous sheaths; 2–3 nodes are present in the rhizomatous segments.

Scaly leaves 2 in rhizome. Pseudobulbs 1.5–4 cm tall, 3–5 cm apart, ovoid or ellipsoid, blunt at apex, single node, bases clothed with fibrous sheaths, rugose when dry. Leaves 1–3, 4–15 × 2–2.5 cm, arising from pseudobulbs apex, elliptic-lanceolate, acute to acuminate, tapering both ends, membranous, petiolate, with 5-veins; petiole grooved, 0.8–2 cm long. Inflorescence 1 or rarely 2, arising from the pseudobulb apex, racemose, erect laxly, 5–10-flowered, shorter than leaves; peduncle, with 2 membranous sheathed at base, glabrous, 1.5–2.5 cm long; rachis 1.5–2.5 cm long, glabrous, zigzag, one or two from the top of pseudobulbs, each enveloped for more than half its length by a narrow convolute sheath; sheaths lanceolate, acute membranous. Floral bracts nearly obscurely obsolete, 0.4 × 2 mm, reduce to ring-like swelling at the base of ovary. Pedicel plus ovary longer than floral bracts, glabrous, 7–10 × 2 mm. Flower 0.8–1 cm across, pale greenish with brown streaks, partially closed, slightly shorter than the ovary. Sepals subsimilar dorsal sepal 6–10 × 3–4 mm, oblong-lanceolate, obtuse-subacute, glabrous 5-veined; lateral sepals oblong, 6–8 × 2–3 mm, oblong-lanceolate, falcate, acute, adnate to column foot and form mentum; mentum globose 5 mm long, 5-veins. Petals ca. 8 × 2–3 mm, slightly falcate, oblong, obtuse, thin, 3-veined. Labellum 9–10 × 6 mm, trilobed, oblong or obovate, lateral lobes obliquely rounded near the apex, ca. 7 × 2 mm, deflexed, the edge entire, terminal lobe broadly ovate, obtuse, 9–10 × 6 mm, short, caruncled, globose disc with 5–7 sinuous parallel lamellae raised from base to apex, lateral lamellae with undulating, arcuate at the base of terminal lobe. Column ca. 3 × 1 mm, long, straight, glabrous; column foot ca. 4 × 2 mm long, curved; clinandrium collar like, ca. 2 mm across; rostellum flattened, against the back of the clinandrium, ligulate; operculum ca. 1.8 × 1 mm, outer surface glabrous, inner

surface of operculum with four locules. Pollinia 8, broadly obovoid with glandular caudicle; visidium is simple and ellipsoid. Stigmatic cavity with two subglobular convexities inside its lower margin, ca. 0.5–1 mm long.

Distribution: Himalaya (Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Arunachal Pradesh, Burma), China (Yunnan, Kwangsi) and Vietnam.

Specimens examined: NEPAL. Napalia, Wallich 7 (BM); Pharping/Sunderjal 1000–1800 m, 2037.12.15, Paudyal and Amatya 48 (TUCH); Kashkikot, Pokhara valley ca. 1300 m, 14 Sept. 1997, D. M. Bajracharya 47 (TUCH); Lumle, Pokhara valley, 1500 m, 10 March 1999, D. M. Bajracharya & A. Subedi 230 (TUCH); 2 Jan. 2001, A Subedi 447 (TUCH). BHUTAN. Without precise locality, Balakrishna 43039 (CAL). BURMA. Gamian Myitkyina 2000 m, C. W. D. Kermode 17044 (K).

Elevation range: 1600–2800 m.

Etymology: From the Latin word ‘*clausa*’ (closed).

Flowering: February–May.

Note: King and Pantling (1898) suggested that *E. clausa* might be a cleistogamous form of *E. vittata* and considered as conspecific with *E. vittata*. *Eria clausa* is also closely related to *E. boniana* (Gagnepain) T. Tang & F. T. Wang and to *E. corneri* Rchb. f. Tang and Wang (1951), Lang and Tsi (1976) and Seidenfaden (1992) treated them as distinct species.

Averyanov (1994) treated *E. clausa* as a synonym of *E. corneri*. Rao (1996) suggested that *E. clausa* is a cleistogamous form of *E. corneri*. From the thorough examination of the materials of *E. corneri* it is clear that *E. corneri* has clustered pseudobulbs, whereas *E. clausa* has well spaced pseudobulbs. Thus, *E. corneri* has been proposed here as the distinct species, not the synonym of *E. clausa*.

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BMで標本調査を行っていたところ、ネパール産の *Eria clausa* King & Pantl.を見出した。最近になって、ネパール・ポカラ地域からも本種が得られた。本種は Amatya (1982) によって言及されているが、これは正式に報告されたものではなく、記載や標本の引用を伴っていないかった。そこで、詳しい記載を与え、図示し、引用標本を挙げ、本種をネパール新産の植物として正式に報告した。

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新潟県中越地震（2004年）の尾瀬ヶ原への影響—空中写真による予備観察（金井弘夫） Hiroo KANAI: Influence of an Earthquake to Ozegahara Moor, Central Japan—Preliminary Observation by Aerophotographs

Estimated intensity of the earthquake, “Chuetsu, 2004” (23 Oct. 2004), was “5—” around Ozegahara moor, central Japan. Many unusually white-colored pond surfaces were observed on the aerophotographs taken on 17 Sept. 2005. The rate of white-colored ponds was 10.7 % of all 1,849 ponds. While the rate was

3.5 % on the photographs on 9 Oct. 1999 as an ordinary year. It is presumed that earthquake promoted separation of pond-bottom layer from the base. The gas produced by assimilation of water plants such as *Nymphaea* and *Nuphar* on the bottom and of underground bacteria made the bottom layer possible to come up to the surface.